

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 731
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joni Lipkowitz, 2006
Valedictorian of Heritage High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joni Lipkowitz is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Heritage High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Joni Lipkowitz has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Lipkowitz has earned an exemplary 4.67 grade point average while serving as a valued member and officer of several scholastic organizations, including President of the Student Council, Secretary of the National Honor Society, and Vice President of the Spanish Club; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished musician with both the violin and the piano, Joni Lipkowitz has been a member of the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra for seven years; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Ms. Lipkowitz has volunteered her considerable skills and talents to Little River Cleanup, Angel Tree Project, Second Harvest Food Bank, March of Dimes, Knoxville Rescue Mission, and St. Jude Hospital; and

WHEREAS, a four-year honor roll student, Ms. Lipkowitz received *Daily Times* Academic Letters in Math, English, Science, and Social Studies; she attended Governor's School in Technology at Maryville College and attended the University of Tennessee for advanced math classes; she also participated in the International DECA Competition 2005; and

WHEREAS, Joni Lipkowitz's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana, where she plans to study Chemical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lipkowitz's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Steven and Heather Lipkowitz, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Joni Lipkowitz's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Heritage High School Valedictorian, Joni Lipkowitz, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.